(b) An Inter Ministerial Committee considers all proposals for LCDs|CFSs and provides single window clearance. So far, four private parties have been allowed to set up Container Freight Stations; one each at Tuticorin, Madras, Bombay and Delhi.

(c) The ICDs|SFSs are part of infrastructural facilities to boost exports. Their benefits include : (i) facilities for stuffing and destuffiing of containers to exporters near their works; (ii) decongesting the ports by moving the containers away from such ports and (iii) accelerate the pace of development of multimodal transport system in India.

Export of Agro-Based Commodities

708. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the share of India's agro-based commodities in the world market;

(b) what are the details of the trends in exports of agro-based commodities during the last three years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to enhance the exports of agro-based commodities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) India's share of export of agro-based commodities is less than 1 per cent of the world trade of about US $ 3000 billion.

(b) The details of export of agro-based commodities during the last three years are given below :—

Year	Export	
	Rs. Crores	US $ Million
1990-91	2819.38	1571.32
1991-92	4373.53	1774.11
1992-93	5600.00	1945.00

(c) Government is giving special attention to the growth of exports in the agricultural sector. The establishment of export oriented units in this sector is being given high priority. It has been decided that such units can avail of the benefits of duty-free imports under the EDU|EPZ scheme even if they export 50 per cent of their production; they can sell the remaining 50 per cent in the domestic market as against the limit of 25 per cent permitted for non-agricultural sector. The definition of "capital goods" under the new Exim Policy has been widened to cover capital goods used in agriculture and allied activities so that units in this sector can avail of the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme for importing their equipment at a concessional rate of duty. Furthermore import duties on certain inputs and materials required by the agricultural sector have been lowered and they have been made freely importable. Various incentives have already been announced for the agricultural sector in the Budget 1993-94. These changes are expected to give an impetus to agricultural exports.

Export of Marine Products

709. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of shrimp and marine products exported in 1992-93;